

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A fixed type constant velocity joint comprising:

 an outer joint member having axially extending guide grooves formed in a spherical inner peripheral surface of the outer joint member;

 an inner joint member having axially extending guide grooves formed in a spherical outer peripheral surface of the inner joint member;

 torque transmitting balls disposed in corresponding ball tracks defined by the guide grooves of the outer joint member cooperating with the guide grooves of the inner joint member; and

 a cage holding the torque transmitting balls,

 wherein an angle (α) defined by a straight line connecting a contact point between the cage and the outer joint member and a contact point between the cage and the inner joint member, and the cage center line is in a range greater than zero degrees and not more than ten degrees when an angle of displacement between the inner and outer joint members₁ during which torque is transmittable₁ is at a maximum.
2. **(Previously Presented)** The fixed type constant velocity joint as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the outer joint member and the inner joint member each have eight guide grooves.
3. **(Withdrawn)** The fixed type constant velocity joint as set forth in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the guide grooves of the outer joint member and the guide grooves of the inner joint member are provided with straight sections having a straight groove bottom.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The fixed type constant velocity joint according to Claim 1, wherein the angle (α) is in a range greater than eight degrees and not more than ten degrees.